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23 September 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, National
Photographic Interpretation Center

THROUGH : Director of Strategic Research *[Signature]*

SUBJECT : Requirement for Missile Search
of China

1. This memorandum terminates our requirement for the Rail Search for MRBM Deployment (C-RR7-84470, Supl. 1/NPIC 111107EB).

2. While this requirement was in effect, the only two new missile sites detected in China were found by other means. In addition, the nature of the probable training exercises observed at Complex A of the Shuang-ch'eng-tzu rangehead in June and July of this year raises the possibility that the type of MRBM used there might be deployed at considerable distances from rail lines.

3. NPIC's new practice of dividing China into 26 geographic areas and assigning one PI to each area to become thoroughly familiar with that area seems to us to offer much greater assurance than the rail search that new missile sites will be detected in their early stages of development. Under this system, as we understand it, all of the usable China photography of each mission will be searched.

4. With the rail search it was relatively simple to evaluate coverage over a given period of time in terms of percentage of the total rail system. It will now be necessary to develop a new system of reporting. The officers of NPIC, OBG, I,

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and OSR who are directly concerned with the problem have conferred and believe that a meaningful system will not be too difficult to work out. Basically the reporting would be in terms of the percentage of all of China which had been searched within a given period of time. It may be desirable to refine this into China proper and the western provinces or some similar division.

5. At present we are thinking in terms of doing an annual China-search report each April or May, directly following the most favorable period for overhead photography of China. It may be desirable to publish also a fall supplement to include what coverage has been achieved during the more cloudy, monsoonal half of the year.

6. All recipients of this memorandum are invited to write or telephone comments to me if they see serious problems in what is planned or have suggestions for improvements.

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Chief
Asian Communist Forces Division, OSR
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MEMORANDUM FOR: *D/IAS*

- Re attached.
- NPIC has elected not to receive a dup. neg. -- infrequently used & will save some do-re-mi.
- NPIC Photo lab will have a DP for use to satisfy yours & others' needs.

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In other words, I am
assuring that you will
not have to relinquish
your suppos. for any
type of photo repro.

[redacted]
[redacted] can contact
for details.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, Imagery Analysis Service

DATE: 18 September 1970

FROM : Chairman, IAS Task Team

SUBJECT: Revised Photo Lab Procedure for Future System

1. In accordance with the latest requirement for film distribution, NPIC did not elect to request a duplicate negative for photo lab reproduction purposes for the new, forthcoming system. Further, it is expected that the original negative will not be available for an estimated six weeks after receipt of a bucket of photography. The lack of a negative in the photo lab will cause a change in both NPIC and IAS operating procedures when photo reproductions are required.

2. In short, IAS will be required to relinquish the duplicate positive (roll, frame, chip) of a target when ordering any type of photo reproductions.

3. The positive will be absent IAS for an unknown period of time. The positive will have to be transported to the lab, a duplicate negative exposed, developed, quality checked, and returned to IAS. The positive need not remain in the lab after the quality of the duplicate negative is verified or the requested reproductions initiated and completed.

4. The necessity of delivering our duplicate positive copy to the lab will indeed cause numerous inconveniences during those periods. Also, it is not known to me at this time if NPIC is adopting any plan to expedite these processes and keep the inconveniences to a minimum.



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